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- (X) This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
- (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) has been communicated by the International Bureau.
- (X) PCT/IB/308 enclosed.
- (X) An English translation of the International Application as filed is attached hereto.
- (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been and will not be made.
- (X) An Oath or Declaration signed by the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).

**OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:**

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 6 pages.
- (X) Recordation form cover sheet and Assignment in 3 total pages (cover sheet & assignment).
- (X) International Search Report
- (X) PCT Request
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